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Voters go to the polls Mar. 5

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Staff Reporter

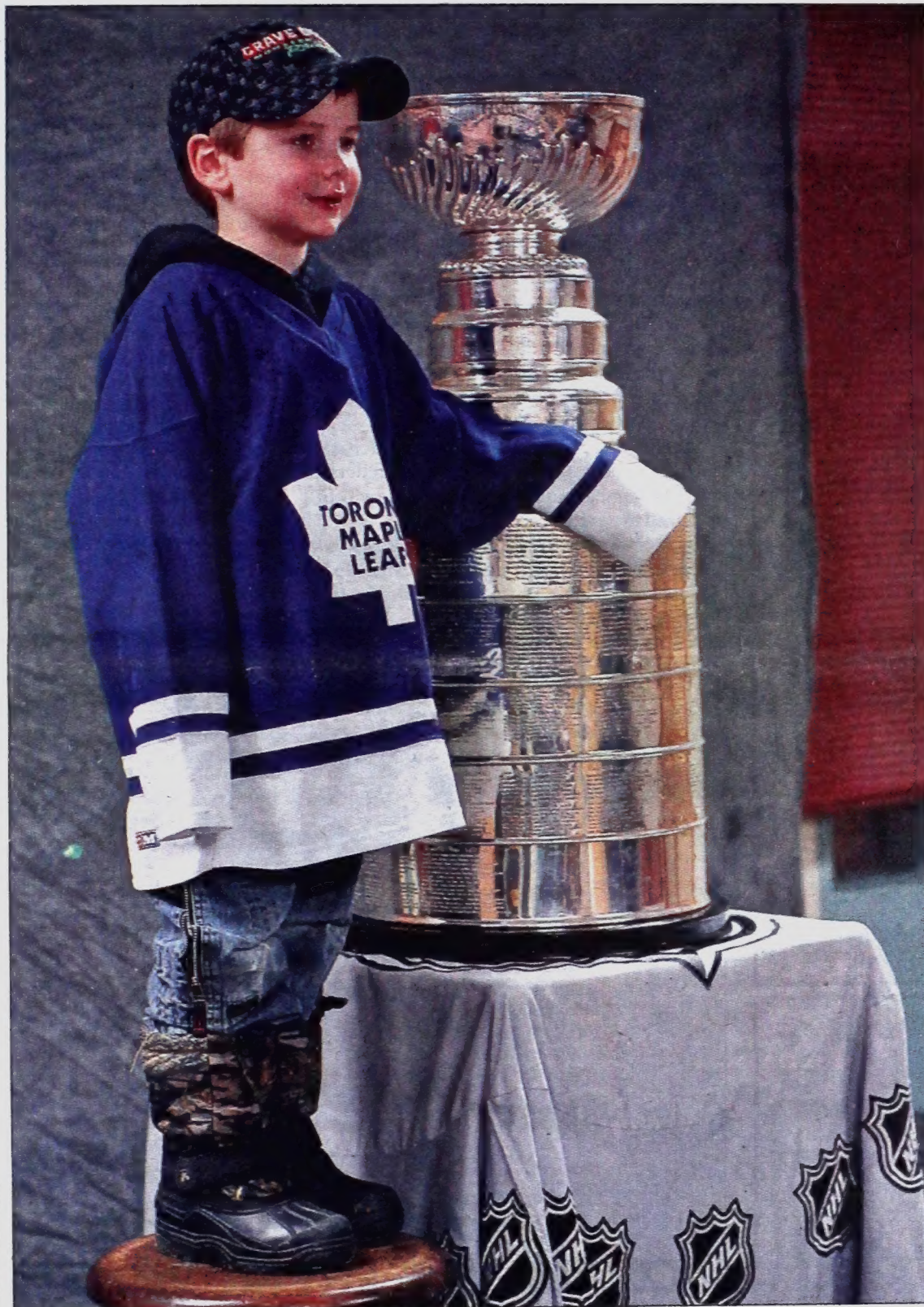
The wait is finally over. Premier Dalton McGuinty called the byelection for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock on Wednesday, relieving speculation about when the big day would be and why McGuinty was waiting so long to choose a date.

On March 5 everyone in the riding will have the chance to vote on who would best replace MPP Laurie Scott, who stepped down in January to allow Progressive Conservative leader John Tory the chance at a seat.

Since that time, the Liberals have chosen school board chairperson Rick Johnson as their candidate. The NDP picked union president Lyn Edwards for their campaign and the Green party brought in local-food advocate Mike Schreiner.

The Ontario Reform party said there was not enough time to field a candidate in part because election rules forbid candidates from raising money before an election is called.

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MATT JAMES/Echo

Getting close with the Cup

Tyson Clements, 5, of Haliburton, was one of 200 people who got their photo taken with the Stanley Cup on Friday night at the Haliburton Legion. The event kicked off the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament which raised at least \$20,000 for Haliburton County Community Care. Details page 14.

Jobs are the main issue for NDP candidate

PEGGY ARMSTRONG

Special to the Echo

Keeping jobs in Ontario will be a big plank in the NDP byelection platform, says the newly chosen candidate for the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Lyn Edwards, the president of the local Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) that represents many municipal workers, captured the nomination at the Lindsay Inn on Lindsay Street South on Sunday afternoon.

Edwards, 47, beat out Lynne Boldt, a member of the anti-amalgamation movement Voices of Central Ontario (VOCO), and Stephen Woof, a Haliburton County high school teacher.

The issue of jobs and the Buy Ontario program will be the focus of her campaign, Edwards said on Monday. "We need to keep jobs here," she said.

The Buy Ontario concept was introduced by NDP transportation critic Gilles Bisson in a private member's bill in March of last year.

According to the the NDP's website, the plan would "require municipalities and regional transit authorities to buy mass transit vehicles whose final assembly is done in Ontario and where at least 50 per cent of the total dollar value of the transit contract reflects parts or labour originating in Canada."

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Delta name dropped

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As of May 1 Delta Pinestone Resort will no longer carry the Delta name.

At that time, Vrancor Group, which owns the building, will be taking over management of the resort from Delta.

Peter Tosh, regional operations manager for Vrancor, confirmed in an interview that his company and Delta had reached a mutual agreement to separate.

"From that point the Pinestone will go unbranded," Tosh said.

Vrancor will be spending the next few months evaluating the operations at the 130-room resort on County Road 21 and will be making changes accordingly.

Improvements to the golf course top the list of potential changes, Tosh said.

Vrancor acquired the resort in 2006 and completed many renovations over the past two years.

Provincial hospital funding to drop

Hospitals across the province are gearing up for a drop in subsidies from the Liberal government.

But in Haliburton County, we may be able to weather the bad times a bit better than in the larger hospitals running multi-million dollar deficits.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Paul Rosebush said that although his corporation is running a deficit of \$300,000 in the coming year, tightening up the operations will be much easier than for big hospitals.

One of the cost savings will be eliminating some community contracts and restructuring staff time, he said.

The McGuinty government has told hospitals there will be a 2.1 per cent increase in operating budgets for the 2009-10 fiscal year, but hospitals need 3.5 per cent increase in funds to provide continuity of service.

Tourism businesses invited to Chamber meeting

Hotel and resort operators, restaurateurs, cottage rental agencies, marina operators, recreation providers and other like adventure tourism providers are encouraged to share information and marking ideas at an upcoming meeting hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Smart marketing and building good partnerships are the themes of the tourism stakeholders meeting at the Wigamog Inn Resort, Wednesday, February 11 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Members and non-members are invited to attend. All tourism-based business operators can help promote Haliburton Highlands as a premier destination for exciting experiences for families and companies. There will be informal presentations and a Q & A period.

Please RSVP to the chamber by Tuesday, February 10.

Dysart trims budget

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Tough times mean tough measures for Dysart et al council, who discussed what budget items to cut back on and what fees to increase at their preliminary budget meeting Monday afternoon. Though nothing has been finalized, council would commit to funding only two of the grant requests from community groups – \$5,000 to Community Care and \$1,000 to the Wilberforce after-school program – while also reducing the amount given to the Rails End Gallery and Haliburton Highlands Museum.

Last year the museum received \$85,500 for operating costs, but this year it will get \$82,000. The gallery got \$55,000 last year and in 2009 will receive \$50,000.

"This is one of those years when we have to say no," said Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Some council members questioned whether the museum's budget was worth the return, in terms of visitor numbers.

"I think the whole master plan [for the museum] needs to be really aired out," said Councillor Derek Knowles.

All of the departments were asked to find savings.

Due to an increase in contract costs for dealing with sewage, the proposed charge per ERU (equivalent residential unit) will go up from \$430 to \$470.

"This is going to hurt commercials for sure," said Fearrey, but he noted council had no choice but to raise the rates.

Costs for building permits are also proposed to increase. A new minimum permit fee of \$100 will be added, with a corresponding increased demolition fee. All fees have been increased by 10 per cent.

There was some debate over whether to buy laptop computers for each councillor. Ultimately, it was decided they were not necessary.

"The budget as presented still represents a revenue shortfall of \$85,520," read a memo by CAO Tammy McKelvey.

She estimated an increase in the municipal tax levy of 1.9 per cent. But, McKelvey noted, when combined with the rate decrease from the county, there could be an overall decrease of 7.16 per cent for taxpayers, "which will help cushion the assessment increases which on average is 9.85 per cent."



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Haliburton Village BIA
Monday, Feb. 23 • 7pm

at The Rails End Gallery
23 York St., Haliburton

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and Proposed '09 Budget

- Receive Nominations for and Install '09 Officers

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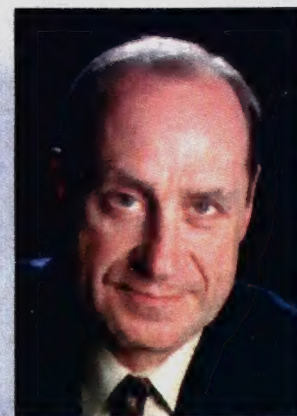
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Green Party candidate vows to keep things local

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

He's not homegrown, but he's local.

Green party candidate Mike Schreiner is campaigning on a platform of small, sustainable and local – from business to agriculture to tourism – for the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Over coffee at the Village Chalet in Minden Thursday, Schreiner talks about the potential Haliburton County has to improve business and the environment by embracing renewable energy and creating culinary tourism.

Schreiner has just visited R.D. Lawrence Place, which he calls a "fantastic example of the kinds of green building we can make," and plans to continue on to Tory Hill to discuss uranium mining with the people there.

He's campaigning to become the first Green MPP in Ontario in the byelection March 5.

This is only his second trip to the Highlands, which he calls "beautiful," but he said he can still represent the constituents because of shared values and a willingness to learn.

"I've really spent my whole life advocating for local, small, medium-sized businesses, local food. I've been a part of buy local campaigns. I think that record speaks for itself," he said.

Schreiner was born in rural Kansas and lived on a large farm with his parents. He moved to Canada in the 1990s "for love" and is now a Canadian citizen, has two young children and wants to find a piece of land to start a part-time farm with his wife.

Prior to taking the leap into politics, he ran a food distribution company in Toronto called Wild Foods, worked on a local food program for industry, Local Food Plus, and worked within the Green party on its 2007 election.

Conversation with Schreiner almost always comes back to the importance of food and agriculture. It's a good fit – he said – because this is a heavily agricultural riding, even in the north end. "You still have a very strong agricultural base here [in Haliburton County] and a strong local-food movement here and supporting farmers and supporting agriculture is my professional background and my non-political life," he said.



JENN WATT/Echo

Green candidate Mike Schreiner visited Minden Thursday on his tour of Haliburton County. He wants to promote the riding's business potential through such initiatives as culinary tourism.

"I think there are some real opportunities here around that and particularly connecting that to the tourist industry. I like to say, let's bring people up here and let's empty their wallets and let's fill their stomachs and fill their hearts," he said.

There's also potential in harvesting energy from the sun, wind, water, earth and cow dung to power our homes and feed back into the grid, he said.

"For solar and geothermal there are a lot of opportunities there. ... There's potential for hydro as well here with all the water. As we start thinking about, how are we going to meet our energy needs in the future, as fossil fuels become more expensive, hydro is going to play an increasingly important role in providing a base load of power for the province so areas like this will be very important in that regard," he said.

Despite stereotypes about "green" type people driving hybrid cars and wearing hemp sandals, Schreiner is more of a clean, smiling business-type guy.

He drives a Dodge Caravan, "a family car," though he hopes one day he could find an electric car big enough for his family. He speaks with a bit of American twang, wears hiking shoes and jeans and tips the waitress 50 cents on two coffees.

Schreiner assures that the Green party isn't about the lefty environmentalist stereotype. It's about small, smart business, economy and society.

If he were elected, his choices in the legislature would reflect that straightforward attitude, he said. And since he'd be the first Green MPP in Ontario, he'd be free to behave according to principles, not the party line.

"In a way I'd be like an independent. I'd be a free agent. So, because the Green party isn't a left or right party – we're just a party about pragmatic solutions to the problems and challenges facing our society – I would work with any party in terms of taking the best ideas from any party and pushing those forward and promoting them. I also wouldn't be bound by a caucus; I'd just be a full-blown advocate for the riding," he said.

"Doing something new and voting for a Green party person sends a loud clear message that there are certain things that we need to start rethinking and we need to start building a society and an economy for the future. It's an opportunity for the people of this riding to be at the forefront of sending that message," he said.

See Mike Schreiner at the all-candidates meeting sponsored by the Haliburton County Echo on Thursday, February 19 at 7 p.m. at Delta Pinestone Resort.

Poll shows Conservatives unhappy with John Tory

Concerned Conservatives of Ontario has conducted a poll that shows almost 70 per cent of respondents in the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock think it was a mistake for local MPP Laurie Scott to relinquish her seat to PC leader John Tory and trigger a byelection.

The group is now urging Tory to step aside as the PC candidate in the March 5 byelection "so that a more electable candidate can contest the election for the party," it said in a statement.

The poll results:

Question: "Do you believe that Laurie Scott made the right decision to step down so John Tory could run to replace her?"

Responses: No—69.7% Yes—30.3%.

Question: "Now that John Tory is the PC candidate in the upcoming byelection to replace Laurie Scott, does that make you more or less likely to vote PC?"

Responses: Less—48.0% More—12.7% Neither more nor less—32.8%

Question: "If John Tory wins the upcoming byelection to become your next MPP, which of the following two courses of action would you prefer he take?"

Responses: Run for re-election somewhere else: 48%. Run for re-election in this riding: 25.0%. Don't know / refuse to answer: 26.6%.

Question: "Do you have confidence in John Tory's

ability to defeat the Liberals and become Premier of Ontario?"

Responses: No—67.8% Yes—32.4%.

Question: "In the next general election, which is scheduled for 2011, would you be more likely, or less likely to vote PC if John Tory steps down as the leader of the PC party and is replaced by another leader?"

Responses: More—29.5% Less—12.8% Same—21.7% Don't know / refusal—12.9%.

The poll surveyed 500 people in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock on January 30. The margin of error is plus or minus 4.4%, 19 times out of 20. The poll was conducted by Holinshed Research.

Unplugged

IT'S A GOOD THING that Dysart et al council voted against buying itself laptop computers before it moved on to the debate about whether to cut the budgets of the Haliburton museum and the Rails End Gallery. A decision to spend thousands of dollars on something of questionable worth while cutting back on programming at two of the village's tourist attractions would have been a lightning rod for public anger.

This isn't to say that everyone agrees with cultural funding. In fact, spending on such ephemeral activities is often the first thing people like cut. Cultural institutions can, to many people, seem to be a waste of money. How do you put a dollar figure on the value of children doing Saturday

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editorial

martha perkins

morning arts programs at the gallery or a display of heritage photographs at the museum?

While everyone waits for the mythical "light industry" that will provide well-paying jobs without harming

the environment," the reality is that we're a tourist town. And culture is a main component of our attraction to tourists. The gallery, housed in a beautiful heritage building right in the middle of town, is a statement to the world that we treasure our history and our arts community. Its programs complement the creative traditions of the Haliburton School of the Arts and also provide a window to a wider cultural world all year round.

The museum – which a previous council moved to a hidden, hard-to-find corner of Glebe Park – could attract a lot more visitors if its staff was given the resources to work on special programming. Proper exhibits require thought, research and preparation. But the museum's success cannot be measured only by the number of people who walk through its doors. It has become a repository of our memories. The staff works with residents past and present to research the village's history as part of their quest to make sure that we have an accurate record of times gone by. Its book of historical photos was a best-seller over Christmas, giving a much-appreciated boost to local stores and providing the community with an invaluable snapshot of yesterday. If the museum had just slapped photos on a page then the book would have had little worth.

At a time when our tourism economy needs all the stimulus it can get, taking money away from two of our tourist destinations is short-sighted.

And laptop computers? Anyone who is computer savvy enough to benefit from a laptop computer likely already owns one. Put a laptop in the hands of someone who's not computer literate – a skill which is usually not a priority for voters – and it just becomes a large word processor that will be not turned on for most of the month. Sure laptops can be inexpensive, but the programming for them is not and who's going to do all the training and maintenance? There are other, less expensive technologies available to share information and very few identifiable benefits to giving every councillor a new toy to become bored with.

Spending money on the gallery and museum might seem like an extravagance during a recession but imagine how poor our community would be without the programming they provide.



Jack Frost

Photo by Matt James

Skiing revisited

I HAVE GONE DOWNHILL SKIING a few times in my life but never intentionally. Call me crazy, but any activity that mixes gravity, obstacles, slick footing and breakneck speed isn't something I want to deliberately participate in.

Yet, as an experienced outdoorsman, I do recognize the value in being able to make a quick getaway. Just the other day, in fact, if I had some skis handy, I might have gotten out of shovelling the walkway up to our front door.

Whenever I see a sport like skiing, I can't help but wonder about its evolution and origins. For instance, who was the first person to leave two boards parallel, wax side down, and a foot apart, at the top edge of a snowy slope? And who accidentally stepped on them that very first time?

I think we can all agree that this first skier was a daring pioneer – or perhaps the village idiot. In either case, he liked it so much that he tried again and perhaps even convinced some of his friends that it was fun.

From those humble origins, the sport has come a long way.

Techniques have evolved considerably. The first stop, for instance, was crude and probably involved several solid trees, the bottom of a cliff, or both.

After a while, I'm guessing, someone decided that there had to be a better way.

So, as a result, clotheslines and low-hanging limbs were invented – and these techniques, you'll note, are still being used effectively to this very day.

No doubt there were other obstacles to overcome too. For instance, it's not hard to

imagine that, after a while, the first skiers got tired of lugging their skis to the top of a hill. I'm guessing that, in a fit of brilliant innovation, they trained horses to tow them up to the top. Then, they left them there and skied to the bottom, where, they bought a new team of horses to take them back up to where the old team of

horses was. Things got less expensive when they finally trained their horses to come when whistled to.

After a while, I assume, those early skiers also realized that they needed a place to hang out after a day on the slopes. At first, they probably built an elaborate lean-to, where ski bunnies and daredevils could intermingle and speak of snow conditions, gear, and the best types of wax – ear or behind the ear.

From this, a culture and proud tradition emerged. And to this day, downhill skiing continues to be a

sport that is enjoyed everywhere but Saskatchewan. Personally, I don't understand it. There just seems to be too much opportunity for injury and embarrassment – and that's just from putting on the ski suit.

But then again, what do I know. I've only gone skiing a few times in my life and, the last time, the horses wouldn't come when whistled to. A lot has changed since then...

Obviously, it must have been a very positive experience for that first skier; for the sport has caught on like wildfire.

What was the appeal? Was it the magic feeling of prolonged acceleration? Was it the sensation of grace, speed, and agility? The sound of skis cutting into the frozen surface? The thoughts of looking Old Man Winter square in the eye?

Maybe, but my bet is he got out of shovelling the walkway.

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Falling in love

SAM WAS A LITTLE NERVOUS sitting there in the kitchen. The wooden chair pulled up to the old table felt hard on his young body. He tried to squirm unobtrusively, seeking a more comfortable spot without seeming rude. Sam was a good boy and knew it was important to use his best manners when visiting in other people's homes.

Sam and his parents had only moved into their house a few weeks ago and so these folks were new to him. Right now Mrs. Cook had her back to Sam as she busied herself at the counter. She wore an apron, its tied ends trailing down behind her like ribbons on a present. Steel grey hair waved across her head, unruly

strands poking up around her ears. When she turned to bring a large glass of milk and plate of homemade cookies for the table, she wore a soft kindly face that made Sam feel more relaxed. That face suggested to him that she wouldn't think squirming was rude at all.

After encouraging him to help himself she moved over to the sink to finish off dishes from the noonday meal. As her hands sloshed a cloth through the steaming soapy water,

Sam munched and looked about him. It was a bright room. The warming February sun bounced off snow and poured in through three tall old windows framed in lace curtains. The worn floor in shades of green shone like a puppy's eyes under Mrs. Cook's slippered feet as she passed dishes onto the draining board. Massive wooden cupboards travelled from floor to ceiling, their white porcelain knobs gleaming in the light, their dark fronts showing the dents of many years. And jutting into the room was the cookstove glowing and warm on this winter day. It dwarfed the electric stove tucked off to the side like an afterthought. Sam knew where the cookies were baked because Mrs. Cook was just bending over the old range when he and his mother had walked into the kitchen.

They were there to look at the kittens. Mr. Cook had phoned his parents the day before to say he had found a cat with a litter of kittens in his shed and wondered if Sam would like to come by and take a look. Mr. Cook knew what boys liked, his father had said with a smile. Of course Sam had wanted to walk over right away but his mother said he had to wait until the next day when they had more time.

Right now they were waiting for Mr. Cook to return from town. He had been delayed but Mrs. Cook said he'd be home any minute and wanted to be the one to show them the kittens. She laughed and said she had seen so many kittens over her life that she didn't mind at all letting him do the showing. Between sips of tea Sam's mom asked Mrs. Cook how long she had lived in this house. She replied she had been born in it.

At that moment Mr. Cook pushed open the porch's door and walked into the kitchen. A tall man with a shock of thinning white hair, he was an imposing sight. His wool jacket hung open showing winter coveralls and plaid shirt underneath. Sam thought he had the bluest eyes he had ever seen. Seeing Sam at the table seemed to please Mr. Cook because he broke into a big smile, then winked at Sam.

"Hope you're polishing off those cookies so I don't have to," he said to Sam before turning to greet Sam's mom. Sam quickly gulped down what was left on the plate and then they pulled on their boots and coats and headed outside. Although Mr. Cook looked old to Sam he took long strong strides through the snow as though he could walk all the way to town and back without ever having to stop and rest.

As they walked they passed a long handled axe dug into a block of wood. This was where Mr. Cook split the firewood neatly stacked in rows that snaked along the fence. Next year's supply, he explained, nodding at the mountain waiting for his swing. They followed a path tramped down through the snow, worn smooth and hard with the polishing of boots.

The shed smelled of oil and gasoline. It took a few minutes for Sam's eyes to adjust to the dark. Mr. Cook led them over to a box in the corner. At first all Sam could see was a dark shape. Mr. Cook gently pushed his hand somewhere under it and then Sam heard the mewling. Now he could see six tiny kittens curled up beside the mother cat. Sam's heart skipped over in his young chest. Suddenly he knew he wanted one of these for his very own and he looked over at his mother. She smiled back at him and gave a little nod. "But you'll have to wait Sam. They're too young to leave their mother," she said. And because he had fallen in love, Sam was prepared to wait as long as necessary.



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Stinson's Store and Poke About Shop, Hall's Lake Ontario



pic of the past

This photo shows Stinson's Store and Poke About Shop at Hall's Lake, dated 1962. The store was originally owned by the Watters family, American folks who ran it only in the summer until 1955. The Stinsons bought the store in 1961 and ran it until 1978 when Art and Mary Jones bought it. It burned down in 1985 just after it changed hands again. The Stinsons sold various sundry and grocery items and there was always home-baked goodies, too. There was a counter at the back for light meals like tea and grilled cheese and the store is well remembered for its souvenirs and penny candy. The Stinson family still has a cottage on Hall's Lake. Thanks to the Stanhope Museum for this photo. If you have photos or stories about this (or other) former Stanhope landmark, contact the Stanhope Museum at info@stanhopemusuem.on.ca.

letters to the editor

What about map's white space?

To the Editor:

Hey, have you seen the map from Bell Aliant? Are you in the "darker areas" for the proposed high-speed expansion? Lucky you!

We're over near Tory Hill. Notice all the white space in our area of the map – where a cellphone barely works, depending on where you're stranded along the road.

Nope, dial-up has to be just fine for those of us living in the "boonies" of Haliburton County –

except, of course, for the largely seasonal Harcourt Park, but then we all understand the subtle grades of "boonie-ness," don't we?

What we do have though, is lots of surveying and drilling for significant uranium deposits. That's what we're good for out here!

Would anyone like to trade – a bit of open-pit uranium for a little high-speed Internet?

Gill Stephen and Joan Barton
Near Tory Hill

Reader finds his own high-speed service

To the Editor:

I am frustrated by all the attention given to Bell and their mediocre service when another provider, Rogers, is providing a better alternative: affordable high-speed Internet that is more widely accessible than the Bell network.

I see on the map you reprinted in the February 3 edition of the *Echo* that Bell still has no intention of offering high-speed to my home location, even though I live between Haliburton and West Guilford – both of which have Bell high-speed available. The Rogers service is also easier and cheaper than satellite.

It runs through their wireless department, which means through their cellphone towers. I don't know how extensively they are able to cover the

county – I just know they offer service in my area and Bell does not, and that I heard about the service from friends who also could not get Bell in their area but were covered by Rogers.

All you have to do is plug a USB key into your computer. The speed is 460 kbps and the total cost per month is less than \$40 including all fees. There is no cost for the equipment. The service is even portable. If you have a laptop, you can use the Internet on the go. I have no connections to Rogers and do not personally profit from them – other than as a satisfied high-speed Internet customer. Finally.

Darrell Dobson, Ph.D.
West Guilford

See more letters page 6

Sure Germany is going green, but it's also going bankrupt

To the editor:

Re: Ross Jarvis's column, February 3, 2009.

The Germans are so far advanced in this ecological miracle that their own Chancellor Angela Merkel was quoted about six weeks ago saying that Germany would have to cut back in their efforts. This is not to let the rest of the world catch up, but because it is bankrupting the

country. Their "huge job-creating operation" is costing the German government the equivalent of \$245,000 per person employed in the work. I imagine that if Canada embarked in a headlong operation propelled by "green people" our budget deficit would not look too bad!

Bill Elliott
Kennis Lake

Ashes where a town once stood

To the Editor:

One week ago we returned home from an extended vacation to visit family in Perth, Western Australia. We spent our last week exploring the state of Victoria in the east of Australia. It turned out to be one of the most beautiful places we have ever seen, from the beaches of the east to the rocky coast of the south with gorgeous drives through mountains and rugged ranchlands in between.

Along our way we enjoyed visiting many quaint and fascinating little towns, each with something interesting to offer. None, however, captured our hearts like Marysville, Victoria, a beautiful town, not-so-unlike Haliburton, where we immediately felt at home. We were delighted when, upon arrival at their attractive information centre, a volunteer revealed that Marysville was in fact a "ski-resort town"! (At that point in our travels temperatures were climbing into the low 40 degrees Celcius, soon to climb even higher!) Sure enough, the town was nestled into Lake Mountain, at the top of which perched a ski lodge that boasted some of the best cross-country skiing and tobogganing in the state! (We chuckled upon seeing a large sign advertising "toboggans for hire" in a local shop window.)

The friendly volunteer continued to regale us with

facts about the town: while the winter temperatures average 18 degrees Celsius, "even the town itself gets snow you know!" and, though it boasts a permanent population of less than 1,000, during ski season, with snow on the "mountain," it bustles. We enjoyed conversations with several other friendly and helpful village residents as we shared with them our desire to return in the future for a more extended stay.

As of Saturday, February 7, Marysville ceased to exist – the village was completely destroyed by the bush fires that swept through the area the night before. Every home and business, along with its beautiful landscape is gone; all that is left of the town is ashes. Most of the townspeople are known to be safe, however, we understand there has been some loss of life.

Our hearts are broken for the residents of Marysville and we would ask you, the people of Haliburton, another small, close-knit community, to keep them in your prayers, that they might know that, even across the world, people care. We thank you.

Sincerely,

Patti and Gordon Abel
Haliburton

Farmers' market meeting changes, includes locally grown soup

Since a meeting about a tentative Haliburton Village Farmers' Market was first announced, plans have grown.

The meeting will be combined with another in order for one-stop shopping. It will be held February 17 at Fleming College, Haliburton Campus from 5:30 to 9, not 7 as originally planned. Soup (from local ingredients as much as possible of course!) and drinks will be provided by the sponsoring groups: Haliburton Farmers' Association, Environment Haliburton - Haliburton Highlands Local Food Coalition, and Waverley Brook Farm.

People are asked to bring food not requiring heating such as bread, a salad or a dessert, along with their own mugs, bowls, cutlery and plates. There are no wash-up facilities so they can take home their dishes to support the environment through a no throw-away policy.

The social gathering starts at 5:30 with food at 6. At 7, clips from a film about marketing and "The Real Dirt on Farmer John" will be shown and there will be a short presentation by Jean and Godfrey Tyler about agricultural practices they saw on their sabbatical travels this past year. This will be followed at 8 by smaller discussion groups on topics such as retail possibilities, a Haliburton Village Farmers' Market, the CSA food box program, and anything else about local food production.

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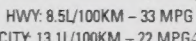
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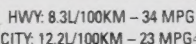
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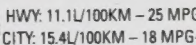


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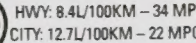
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**Outdoor Movie
"Snow Dogs"**
Head Lake Park,
5 - 7:30 p.m.
Presented by Cottage
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**Giant Bonfire/Kids Ice
Slide,** Head Lake Park,
5 - 9 p.m.

Hot Chocolate
Head Lake Park,
5 - 9 p.m., \$1
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Torchlight Parade
Head Lake Park, 7 p.m.
Presented by The HCSA

**Complimentary
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Haliburton Curling Club,
7 - 9 p.m.

Playback Theatre
Rails End Gallery,
7 p.m., \$5

Saturday, February 14th

Pancake Breakfast
Legion, 8 a.m. - Noon
Presented by Haliburton
Lions Club, \$5

**Haliburton Highlands
Dog Sled Derby**
Delta Pinestone,
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(See Weekender for event
schedule on page 3)

Snow Painting
Head Lake Park,
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Presented by Jennifer
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**Art Attack
Snowman Building
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Head Lake Park, 10 a.m.
- 4 p.m., Presented by
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Skating Demonstrations
Head Lake Skating Rink
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Presented by Sharpley's

Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides, Head Lake Park
Noon – 3 p.m.
Presented by BIA

Snowshoe Relay Race & Games, Head Lake Park
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Presented by YMCA Camp Wanakita

Children's Dog Sled Rides, Head Lake Park
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
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Delta Pinestone, 8 p.m. – 1 a.m., *Presented by Kashaga Productions*
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Sunday, February 15th

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Head Lake
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Ice Sculpture Demonstrations
Head Lake Park & Haliburton Village
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Mike Muli & Friends

Giant Bonfire/Kids Ice Slide
Head Lake Park
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Group Art Exhibition:
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Hot Drinks, Hot Dogs, Smores and Beaver Tails
Head Lake Park
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Presented by Rails End Gallery

Jamaican Dogsled Team Meet & Greet
Head Lake Park
11 a.m.

Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides
Head Lake Park, Noon – 3 p.m., *Presented by BIA*

Snowshoe Relay Race & Games
Head Lake Park
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Presented by YMCA Camp Wanakita

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York Street
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Presented by Haliburton Rotary Club

Sunday, February 15th

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Miskwabi Lake
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Haliburton Highlands Dog Sled Derby
Delta Pinestone
8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
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Learn to Curl
Haliburton Curling Club
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
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Meet at High School
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Teen curlers hurry hard towards provincial title

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

For the past few years the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys' curling team has been on fire. Dominating the high school league and reaching tops in Ontario, the boys have hurried hard and swept away much of the competition.

And this year's team – skip Connor Duhaime (fifth year), vice Curtis Nichol (third year), lead Owen Duhaime (second year), and Jesse Walker (first year) – expect no less.

Prior to Jesse and Owen joining the

team, HHSS alumni Jake Walker (Jesse's older brother) and Edward Cyr were part of the winning foursome, all with the support of coach Tom Dibblee.

In 1988, Dibblee arrived at HHSS and learned to curl with the students. A year later he was in charge of the Wednesday league and competitive curling teams, and had earned his coaching level one through the Ontario Curling Association and Canadian Curling Association.

Dibblee coached the boys team until the end of the 1991-92 season, took a few years off, and returned to coach in 2001.

The current team isn't new to the sport;

Connor and Owen were introduced to curling by their parents when Owen was in Grade 3 or 4 and they grew up playing in Minden as part of the junior curling program. Curtis tried curling for the first time in Grade 6.

"The competition is good," said Connor. "If you're a competitive person it's a good sport for that. But also there are a lot of great people in curling."

"You meet a lot of friends in the game," added Owen, Connor's younger brother.

Unlike some competitive sports where talking pleasantly to your opponent is unusual, Curtis said curling is quite the opposite. "You can be talking on the ice during the game and afterwards as well."

"Even if you're in a heated game," Owen added.

"Personally, I enjoy it cause I can win," said Curtis matter-of-factly, earning an agreeable laugh from his teammates.

In high school curling there are two ways to vie for a chance at a provincial title. The first is through the high school Kawartha league where teams compete for titles in Kawartha Southwest (KSW), Kawartha Championship, COSSA, and OFSAA.

The other way is through a tournament sponsored by the Gore Mutual Insurance Company. It is an Ontario Curling Association event.

In Gore, there are four regions and four zones that make up a total of 32 teams. The top two teams from each zone advance to regionals and provincials take the top two teams from regionals.

Over the years the boys have collected a few patches and trophies.

In Grade 9 Connor, Jake, and Edward were top eight in Ontario at Gore provincials and were second in KSW, Kawartha (B-side) and COSSA winners and were top 20 in Ontario.

In Grade 10 Connor, Jake, Edward, and Curtis were one win from Gore provincials and were first at KSW but didn't get to COSSA.

In Grade 11 Connor, Jake, Edward and Curtis were KSW, Kawartha and COSSA champions and lost in the semi-final in OFSAA for top eight in Ontario. They also made Gore provincials.

In Grade 12 Connor, Jake, Curtis and Owen were KSW and Kawartha champs

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MATT JAMES/Echo

Jesse Walker, Owen and Connor Duhaime and Curtis Nichol are hoping to add more trophies to the high school's wall of success.

Curlers keep emotions in check

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and finished second at COSSA.

And so far this year Connor, Curtis, Owen and Jesse have advanced to Gore provincials (February 19 to 21) making them at least the top eight in Ontario. In addition, they were first in KSW. The Kawartha championship goes mid-February.

It is the team's goal "both to make OFSSA and Gore provincials and I think we're good enough to win one or both of them," said a confident, but not arrogant, Connor.

What's the secret to good curling?

"Really, anybody can curl," said Owen.

"Well it depends on position," Curtis jumps in. "For a skip you need a strategic mind for planning."

"And you have to keep your emotions in check," said Dibblee.

Balance and finesse are also part of a good curler's repertoire.

"There's also the physical aspect," said Connor. "But that just comes from practise, and the more you practise the better you are, like any sport. There are a lot of mental aspects to the sport as well."

Curtis agreed. "The biggest thing with shot-making is mental preparation and toughness," he said. "You go out and practise and make all the shots and then you have to convince yourself you can do the same thing you did in practice."

"While everyone's watching," added Dibblee.

But the boys have been curling long enough now that they've learned to treat pressure as part of the enjoyment they get from the game and as a motivator more than anything, save one.

Curtis added that serious sweeping is more important than most non-curlers think. "Good sweeping can drag [the rock] five to 10 feet," he said.

"Competitively, people are amazed how far the boys can get it when they sweep," said Dibblee.

For practice the boys have been granted access to participate in the Monday-night mixed league, which Dibblee and the team are grateful for. "Practising as a unit is very important," said Dibblee.

Skip Connor added: "This club has been very supportive of our high school team."

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Jamaican dogsled team stays mush longer

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The Jamaican dogsled team is back in the Highlands for the second straight year to participate in the Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby. And this year they're calling Haliburton home – well, home base anyway.

"Apparently you guys are two hours from everything," said team coach, mentor and musher Ken Davis.

Last year, Davis and Jamaican musher Damion Robb arrived to Haliburton just days before their first Haliburton derby at Delta Pinestone Resort. They'd driven from northern Michigan, which they'd made their base because of the way the race circuit was scheduled.

But with a slight schedule change this year it made more sense to use Haliburton as their starting spot. They arrived January 12 and have settled into the community.

The *Echo* caught up with Davis and Robb at the York Street Internet Café while they update their blog on www.jamaicadogsled.com between loads of laundry.

Having made a few friends at last year's derby, including derby organizers Tanya McCready and Hank DeBruin of Winterdance Dogsled Tours, Davis says they were able to get set up relatively easily thanks to the generosity of members of the community.

For starters, Winterdance has allowed Davis and Robb to use their training and touring trails near Percy Lake. And after a brief inquiry about renting a place to stay, the Jamaican dogsled team was grateful to Donna McCallum when she reasonable rate at her cabin for their entire stay.

"Everybody has been very nice," said Davis, with the quiet Robb nodding in agreement.

Near the top of their list Jamie Keefer, the tow-truck driver who got Davis and Robb's loaded truck out of a snow bank after it failed to climb the steep road that led to the cottage when they first arrived.

Travelling to other derbies, including two weeks in Quebec and a race in Marmora (Hastings County), hasn't given them a lot of time to explore Haliburton but they're enjoying themselves here with dinners out with friends.

"We also train up at Fort Irwin, through Eagle Lake, which is certainly nice up in there," said Davis.

Only halfway through his second year of dogsled racing, Robb, 22, has turned something as unlikely as a Jamaican dogsled team into a success story.

"Over in Quebec I finished 20th in the world championship in four-dog and this [past] weekend [in Marmora] I finished third in the four-dog and six-dog race," he said.

Because last year was Robb's first year mushing he be-

gan with a world ranking of zero. Entering this season, after just one full year, Robb is ranked 13th in the world in the four-dog pro class category.

Is this sport of dogsled racing easy or is Robb just good at what he does?

Before Robb could answer Davis jumped in and said, "He's good at what he does."

Davis, a veteran and champion musher from Minnesota, is ranked fifth in the world in the six-dog pro class in the International Sled Dog Racing Association.

Davis said people could just buy the dogs and probably do okay, but there's more to racing than just the dogs.

"The trick is you have to be consistent and not have any problems in all the races," said Davis. "Just doing well in one or two races won't get you 13th in the world."

And Robb believes it's more than the dogs.

"I push myself pretty hard," he says. "You have to work as a team with the dogs because you just don't leave the dogs to do all the work, you go a little bit extra."

When asked what sort of workout or training regimens the mushers kept in order to achieve success, Davis couldn't help but laugh. Having been on the road constantly since January 5 with 14 dogs, which they handle, harness and unharness on a daily basis, "we don't

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Damion Robb was the star of last year's sled dog derby in Haliburton. He's been living here for a couple of months as he takes part in this year's circuit, including this weekend's races at the Delta Pinestone Resort.

Staying in shape is easy for musher

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really need to do a formal workout," said Davis.

Neither his frame nor Robb's is in need of any weight loss. Robb's training, he says, consists of mostly running, which he does for nine months of the year in Jamaica.

For the remaining three months he's in North America running with, and for, the dogs in the dogsled circuit.

So would he ever think of moving to Canada?

"No," Robb said without hesitation.

His quick reply is not out of any disrespect for Canada. He obviously loves his native Jamaica and the whole idea behind the Jamaican dogsled venture is the novelty of the situation and to promote the country. "Damion has been a great ambassador for Jamaica," said Davis.

The adventure of the Jamaican dogsled team began when Jamaican businessman Danny Melville was shopping for dune buggies in Edmonton for his adventure tour business. Melville tripped over a met-

al frame with wheels and asked what had just destroyed his shin. It was a dogsled.

One conversation led to another and eventually Melville's friend, singer and entrepreneur Jimmy Buffett, became the official sponsor the Jamaican team.

The third member of the Jamaican dogsled team is Newton Marshall, the team's long-distance musher. Marshall recently qualified for the International Yukon Quest, an epic 1,600 kilometre race from Fairbanks, Alaska to Whitehorse, Yukon.

After just one year of sled-dog racing, has Robb changed his outlook of the sport? "Yes, in a way, because the more I keep doing it the more I want to do it," said Robb. "From the first year to this year I think it kind of pushed me. This is what I want to do for quite a while."

And at just 22, as long as he keeps seeing relative success it seems he could do it for as long as he wishes.

Cheer on Robb and Davis at the Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby February 13 to 15 at Delta Pinestone Resort. Visit www.winterdance.com for details.

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE

JOINT TENANCY

QUESTION: What is meant by joint tenancy ownership?

ANSWER: When two or more persons own property as joint tenants, they have equal rights to the property and the right of survivorship. There is only one title to the property and each owner has an equal share and equal possession.

Joint tenancy is popular among married couples because the right of survivorship. If one owner dies, his or her rights are extinguished and the property goes directly to the surviving owner.

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Stanley shows true colours

Charity hockey tournament helps out Community Care

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Just days before the launch of his inaugural charity hockey tournament, Scotty Morrison faced the loss of his best friend and wife, Joan. But with the same courage, professionalism, and integrity that brought him success in his illustrious career in hockey, Morrison — all smiles and glassy eyes — showed his appreciation of support for both his loss and helping to raise money for Haliburton County Community Care.

"I want to thank all of you for being here tonight. It's going to be a wonderful weekend," said Morrison. "I don't have to tell you anything about Community Care because you all know it's an outstanding organization."

"I love this community and I wanted to give something back to it so I became a board member of Community Care. And the people that work at Community Care, the volunteers of Community Care they are the most outstanding, giving people you will ever come across."

As the Haliburton Legion filled with hockey fans excited to see the silver shine of the Stanley Cup, CBC broadcaster and tournament MC Tom Harrington welcomed guests and encouraged everyone to join the bidding at the silent auction.

The main event of the evening was debatable — having your picture taken with the Stanley Cup by donation or hearing stories about the Stanley Cup told by keeper of the Cup Phil Pritchard, 1967 Toronto Maple Leafs Cup winner Ron Ellis, and legendary linesman Ray "Scampy" Scapinello. Either way, for hockey fans it was a win-win situation.

"If this could talk I wouldn't be here," said Pritchard after bringing out hockey's holy grail. Pritchard has been the acting voice of the Stanley Cup now for 21 years and by his delivery and demeanor the gig isn't getting old. But the story of the Stanley Cup is old, dating back to 1893 when it was just 7.5 inches short. Today the Cup is 35 inches tall and has 2,300 hundred names engraved on it.

Stanley, as the trophy is referred to, has travelled around the world since 1995, when each Cup-winning team is allowed 100 days with the cup. It is always accompanied by a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame.

If Stanley had a passport he'd have quite the story to tell.

In 2004 when the Tampa Bay Lightning won the Cup, Stanley went to the team dentist and Stanley tanned on the pacific beaches in California after the Anaheim Ducks won in 2006. Pritchard says he wears 30SPF.

As tall as Stanley is, he looked tiny compared to the 118-foot-tall Jolly Green Giant when he was in New Worth,



Scotty Morrison, left, and Hockey Hall of Fame curator and keeper of the Cup Phil Pritchard share a story and a laugh during Cup Stories at the Legion on Friday night.

Photos by
Matt James

Minnesota for the 2004 all-star game. And the White House morphed Stanley at his most recent visit with the 2008 Cup champion Detroit Red Wings.

Stanley is really looking forward to posing again at the Parliament buildings in Ottawa. The last time he was able to do that was in 1993 with the Montreal Canadiens.

In 1997 Stanley got to go Red Square in Moscow, Russia for the first time. In 2005, Eric Staal of the Carolina Hurricanes wanted to take Stanley to the Terry Fox monument in his hometown of Thunder Bay. Staal firmly believes Fox and the Stanley Cup are two of Canada's greatest.

In 2006 Anaheim Ducks forward Corby Perry was the first person believed to ever have a party on the 401. Caught in a traffic jam on the way to a party, he did what anyone would do — he had a party of his own and walked the Cup up and down the 401 to celebrate.

What's been inside the Cup? The dog food of Anaheim Ducks goaltender, poutine and, of course beer, to name a few.

One of the most beautiful pictures ever taken of Stanley was in 2000 when Scott Niedermayer won the Cup with the New Jersey Devils. To celebrate he hired a helicopter and went to the top of a mountain in his hometown of Cranbrook, B.C.

Canadian great Steve Yzerman, always known for following the rules, took Stanley out on a Jet Ski after winning the Cup with the Red Wings — but not without a lifejacket.

And after every presentation Stanley always gets a bath to erase the fingerprints of those who touch it in awe.

Go Leafs Go

Ron Ellis is a former Toronto Maple Leafs player and was on the Cup-winning squad in 1967, the last time the Leafs had their hands on the Cup.

"I remember thinking, 'Oh my, we won!'" he said.

It was also the last time the original six teams would ever battle for the Cup.

"It was so nice to beat the Canadiens," he said followed by a cheer from the crowd.

The '67 Maple Leafs spoiled Montreal's party as Expo '67 was in Montreal that year.

"They'd already picked a spot to put the Cup and we spoiled it," he said smiling.

Ellis even offered Leaf-land a little hope saying, "Mr. Burke's going to do it, keep the faith."

While Ellis has a championship ring he wasn't able to enjoy many of today's traditions.

"That would have been wonderful, carrying [the Stanley Cup] around the ice," he said.

Nor was he able to have the Cup for a day. He would have brought it to his family-owned business, a lodge north of Huntsville, to share with the guests.

Legendary linesman Ray Scapinello was also on hand Friday night. In 1971 Morrison hired Scapinello, who would go on to officiate in the NHL for 33 years without missing one of his scheduled 2,500 regular season games.

Scampy, as friends know him, also officiated in 20 NHL playoffs for a total of 426 games. And while he was in attendance to share a few stories, one particular section of his monologue stood out among all others.

"There should be a hall of fame for the volunteers of Community Care," he said, recognizing the efforts of the volunteer organization that helps seniors stay in their homes.

He also shed some light on how grateful he is to Morrison for giving him the opportunity of a lifetime. Looking directly at Morrison he said: "I would do anything for you, anytime, anywhere, any place."



Every Toronto Maple Leafs fan loves this guy; Ron Ellis won the Stanley Cup with the 1967 Maple Leafs. A packed Legion audience listened as Ellis shared a few memories of winning the Cup.

Memories of kissing the Cup

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

It's been 37 years since Cheryl Riley was told she would never have children and 12 years since she gave birth to Stanley C. Riley after kissing hockey's holy grail.

It was the summer of 1996 and the Stanley Cup was visiting the Esson Lake cottage of Mike Ricci, a member of the champion Colorado Avalanche that year.

Cheryl's husband Ken touched the Cup first and then Cheryl, hands shaking, decided to give it a little kiss. Nine months later Stanley was born.

Twelve years later the couple lined up with the rest of Haliburton at the Legion to see the cup again as part of the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament to raise money for Community Care. (See story page 14.)

"It's pretty cool seeing it again," Cheryl said Friday night. "To be honest I've been

excited for the last three days."

Before kissing the cup, the Rileys were resigned to never having children.

"We just thought it was meant to be," she told the *Echo* after his birth. "We gave up trying; we gave up even thinking about it."

Today Stanley C. is a healthy 12-year-old who plays hockey with the Pee Wee AE Highland Storm — which, to his dismay, is out of the playoffs — and attends Wilberforce Elementary School.

When asked what he thought about being named after the world's most popular sports trophy he said, "It's funny, weird, kind of cool."

While the novelty seems to have worn off a little for all members of the family, especially Stanley himself, the story will always live on and the Rileys will be forever grateful of that kiss.

And what if he'd been a she? Well the Rileys had considered calling her Connie Smythe.



Twelve years ago, Cheryl Riley kissed the Stanley Cup when it was visiting the Esson Lake cottage of former NHLer Mike Ricci. Nine months later, her son Stanley C. Riley (you can guess what the C. stands for) was born even though Cheryl was told she'd never be able to have children. On Friday night, she kissed the Cup again when it was in Haliburton as part of the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament. Stanley isn't expecting a sibling in another nine months.



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Lyn Edwards makes her pitch to party supporters Sunday before being nominated the NDP candidate for the March 5 byelection in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. The local CUPE leader won over Haliburton teacher Steve Woof and Lynne Boldt, a member of the anti-amalgamation group Voices of Central Ontario.

JASON BAIN/Special to the Echo



NDP candidate races to catch up

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Edwards is entering the race that includes Progressive Conservative leader John Tory, Liberal Rick Johnson and Green Party of Ontario candidate Mike Schreiner. "It most certainly is a challenge" to catch up to the Conservatives and Liberals, but she said, the NDP definitely is in the race.

The Reform Party of Ontario on Monday opted not to run a candidate for the March 5 byelection.

Edwards is a mother of four who has lived in the riding for more than two decades and previously served as head of the local labour council.

She is taking a leave of absence from her union role and from her job as an administrative assistant for the City of Kawartha Lakes EMS.

"Voters here have a chance to send John Tory a message that he can't take them for granted and expect a one-way ticket to Queen's Park" she said in a press release. "Voters here also have a chance to send [Premier] Dalton McGuinty a message that what he's doing just isn't good enough. Voters can deliver that message loud and clear by voting NDP."

More than 100 attended the meeting on Sunday, where party leader Howard Hampton was the guest speaker.

Reform won't field candidate

from page 1

Leader Brad Harness said that two riding residents were interested in running and that he too had been asked to run. While he would have "relished" the campaign, his preference was to field a local candidate.

"I feel deeply that non-resident candidates of all parties should be barred from running in all provincial and federal elections," he said in a press release. He's calling for election reforms that would disallow non-resident candidates, remove the expenses subsidy that benefits the three major parties and force parties to lose their registered party status if they have a deficit for more than 13 months.

All of the candidates are expected at a forum sponsored by the *Haliburton County Echo* on Thursday, February 19 at Delta Pinestone Resort from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The public will be able to ask questions at the moderated event and all of the candidates will be able to fully explain their platforms.

Electors may vote by proxy

Electors qualified to vote in the March 5 byelection in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock who are unable to cast their ballot in person on Election Day or at an advance poll may apply to vote by proxy. Proxy voting allows voters to appoint another elector residing in their electoral district to vote on their behalf.

Persons who ceased to live in Ontario within the two years prior to the Election Day and whose last residence was in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock may be entitled to vote under certain conditions. Contact Elections Ontario for more information.

An elector may not act as a proxy voter for more than two electors. To receive a Certificate to Vote on behalf of the elector appointing the proxy, the application, along with appropriate ID, must be provided to a member of the local returning office staff before 8 p.m. on March 4 – the day before the by-election. The proxy voter must then show ID at the poll and present the Certificate to Vote to receive a ballot for the elector on whose behalf they are voting.

A proxy voter may apply to have his or her name transferred to the poll where the proxy vote is to be cast or, in turn, to transfer the name of the voter appointing the proxy to their own poll.

Applications to vote by proxy can be obtained from the returning office in Lindsay or downloaded from the Elections Ontario website at www.elections.on.ca.

For more information about proxy voting and identification requirements contact the local returning office at 1-866-8550-0482 or visit www.elections.on.ca.

H.C.D.C. seminar series

BASIC BOOKKEEPING - Dennis Casey

Wednesday February 11th, 2009 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$20.
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BUSINESS PLANNING FOR WOMEN - Fay Martin

Thursday February 26th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$20.
This workshop will validate the particular strengths and values that women bring to business by taking a holistic approach to the challenge of meeting financial targets while accommodating life circumstances.

QUICK BOOKS FOR YOUR BUSINESS - Robert Hall, CMA

Tuesday March 3rd, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$20.
A 3 hour overview of this popular accounting software program.

MANAGING FOR TOUGH TIMES - Lon Duncombe

Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$30. each or 3 for \$75.

Monday March 9th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - **ANALYSING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Wednesday March 11th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - **PROFIT & LOSS VS. CASH FLOW**

Thursday March 12th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - **MANAGING FOR CASH**

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MARKETING DYNAMICS - Mike Jaycock

Tuesday March 31st, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$30.
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Wednesday April 15th, 2009 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Free
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CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE - Carey McMaster

Thursday April 30th, 2009 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$20.
The most important relationship your company has is the one between your customers and staff. Anything you can do to strengthen that relationship will benefit your business.

MANAGING YOUR STAFF AND/OR VOLUNTEERS - Fay Martin

Thursday May 7th, 2009 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$20.
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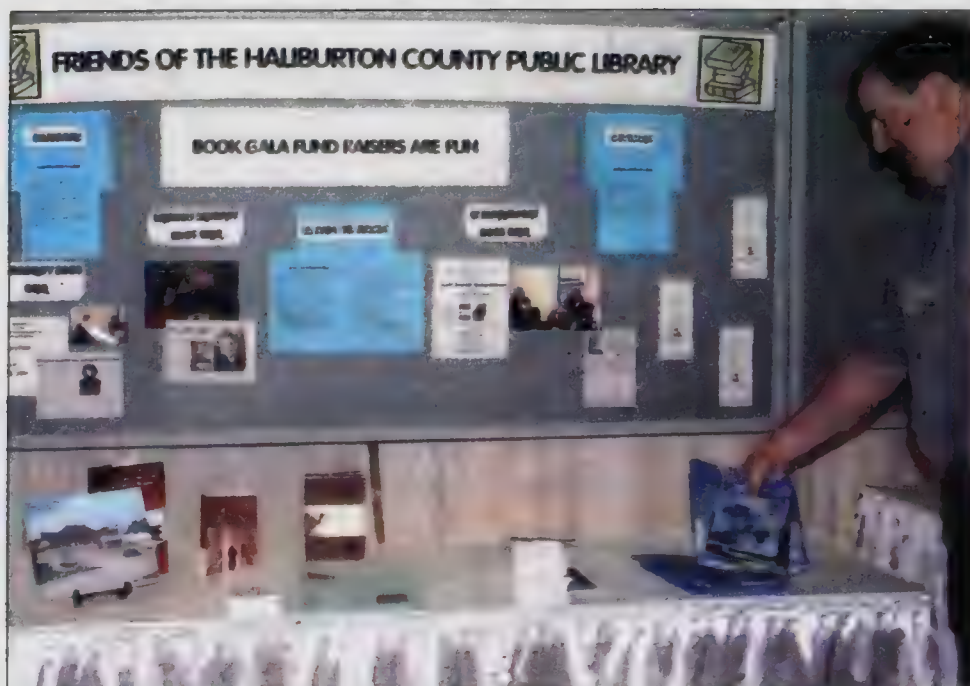
Monday May 11th, 2009 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$20.
Managing personal stress will improve workplace performance. This workshop will focus on learning how to manage stress and develop strategies to overcome it.

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Large Business of the Year

This award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and have 26 employees or more. Please review the list of criteria for key factors to be used to measure the accomplishments of the nominees for the Large Business of the Year Award. Note that these are for reference only and should apply during 2008 and must be a current member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce

New Business of the Year (Under 3 Years)

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Not-For-Profit Business of the Year

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Young Entrepreneur of the Year (29 Years and Under)

The criteria for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award includes proficiency as a Risk Taker, demonstrates Enthusiasm, Motivation, displays Creativity, Originality, Dedication, Innovation and Vision

Customer Service of the Year

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Highlander of the Year

The Highlander of the Year Award recognizes the contributions and community leadership demonstrated by individuals for the benefit of the Haliburton Highlands. Any resident of the Highlands who has made outstanding contributions to the community in the areas of art, culture, heritage, community services, community economic development or the environment are eligible for nomination. The Highlander of the Year is a community booster and a true Ambassador for the Haliburton Highlands.

Standard Criteria for Awards

The selection committee is a group of six community business individuals made up of three previous selector and three new members from different regions of the county.

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- ◇ Small Business of the Year (1-25 Employees, Member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, in business for 3+ years)
- ◇ Large Business of the Year (26+ Employees, Member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, in business for 3+ years)
- ◇ New Business of the Year (in business 3 years or less)
- ◇ Not-For-Profit Business of the Year (in business for 3+ years)
- ◇ Young Entrepreneur of the Year (29 yrs & under)
- ◇ Highlander of the Year
- ◇ Customer Service of the Year (New this Year)

Note: Warden Award of the Year (selected by the Warden of Haliburton County) and Youth of the Year (selected by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School) are not nominated awards.

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Nominations will be accepted until February 27th, 2009. Nominations can be emailed, mailed or faxed or dropped in the depot box at the Chamber Office in Minden.

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On Wednesday, February 11th at 5:30pm (for approx. 1hr), any Tourism providers or related are invited a session on "The roles we all play in the development of tourism in Haliburton County as a destinations for all visitors." Keynote speaker "Craig Bowker-Owner of Ski-Mazing Watersports School."

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Every year Valentine's Day sneaks up on us, or so it seems. Just as we are getting over Christmas it is time to think about giving gifts and treats to a loved one or someone special.

I always feel Valentine's Day should be for everyone, not just couples, especially if you are single – hint, hint – or just not "into all that."

So remember someone special in your life, whether it's a girlfriend, boyfriend, neighbour, business owner or yourself. Enjoy the day of "love and caring."

Here are some treats you can make and share!

Chocolate cupid cakes with satin glaze

2/3 cup sifted cake and pastry flour
3 tbsp cocoa powder
1 cup sugar
1 cup egg whites – about 7
½ tsp cream of tarter
¼ tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla

Chocolate satin
4 oz bittersweet chocolate, chopped
2 tbsp corn syrup
½ cup whipping cream

In bowl sift flour, cocoa and 1/3 cup sugar. Sift again, set aside.

In large bowl beat egg whites until foamy (make sure bowl – stainless steel is best – is clean, dry and grease free). Beat

in cream of tarter and salt until soft peaks form.

Beat remaining sugar two tbsp at time until stiff glossy peaks form. Fold in vanilla. Sift one third of the flour mixture at a time over top gently folding in each addition until blended.

Using large piping bag or spoon gently into six mini angel food pans, filling half-way to top. Can be made into cupcakes as well.

Bake in centre of oven until cake springs back when lightly touched, about 20 minutes. Invert pans, let cakes hang in pans to cool completely. Remove from pans.

Can be made ahead two days or frozen.

Chocolate satin

Place chocolate and corn syrup in heat-proof bowl.

In small saucepan, heat cream over medium heat just until steaming, pour over chocolate, whisking until smooth.

Make ahead: Let cool and refrigerate in airtight container three days.

Rewarm to continue.

Spoon over cakes using knife to spread and drizzle down sides.

Per serving 195 calories 4 g protein 7 g fat.

From Canadian Living Magazine, February 2006.

Chocolate mousse cake

Here is a flourless cake recipe

1 pound semisweet chocolate

½ cup butter cut into pieces

6 eggs large

½ cup light brown sugar, superfine

sugar

1 tbsp pure vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 350°.

Line an eight-inch round cake pan, preferably a spring form on one with a base with nonstick baking parchment. Break the chocolate into pieces and put into a heatproof glass or ceramic bowl with the butter. Set it over a pan of gently steaming water and leave to melt.

Meanwhile separate the eggs. Whisk the whites until stiff. Reserve them while you whisk together the yolk and sugar, until they're light and pale. Whisk the melted chocolate mixture in with the egg yolks along with the vanilla extract, then, using

a metal spoon, fold in the egg whites.

Tip the mixture into the prepared pan and bake for 25 minutes until set but still liquid in the centre.

If you want a firmer centre, cook it for five minutes longer. Cool in the pan.

Remove the paper carefully before serving and sprinkle with a little powdered sugar.

Do we really want to know the calories on this one?

Happy Valentine's!

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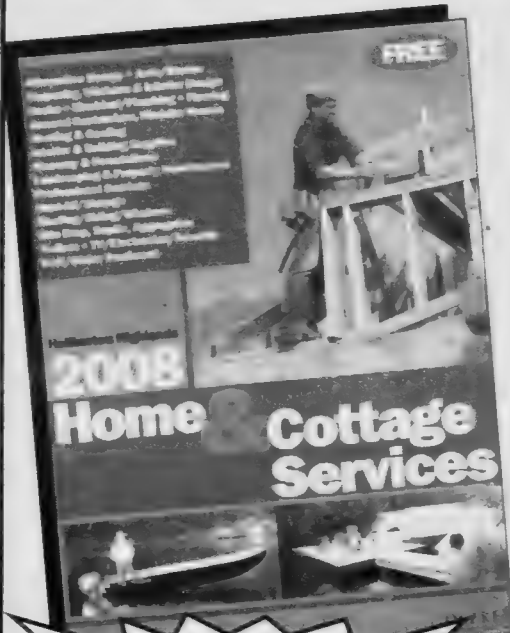
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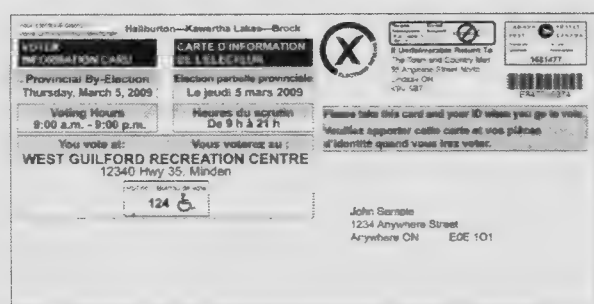
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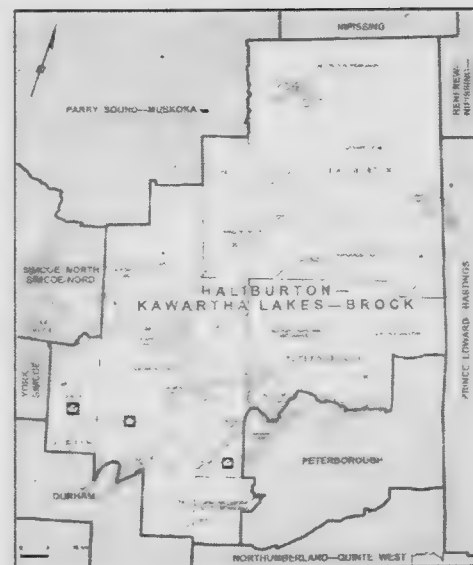
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L.I.F.T is still going on, at Lakeside Baptist Church in town rather than at the Centre here. Fewer Guilford people attend now but those who did enjoyed the speakers Ron and Elaine Mahler, the music of Karen Frybort and her husband Mick, and the presentation by the guest, Kevin Dunlop, who explained how he came to be interested in marquetry. Kevin had samples of his wood inlay, which was meticulous and beautiful in every detail. Men were invited this month because of its being a Valentine event.

We are sorry to note the passing of a Guilford resident, Ed McGrath of Grass Lake here at Guilford. Ed and his wife Janet had resided here for 16 years and we extend our deep sympathy to Janet and the family.

On Friday, February 13th, we trust not unlucky, the Art Hive hosts a party where you're invited to come in

pajamas from 7-10 p.m. It's the introduction of meeting the county's most eligible bachelor! To add to the interest you'll be able to make a card for your very own Valentine.

Maple Lake United Church is also hosting a Valentine musical event on February 21. All are welcome.

For about 13 years a swan appeared on the river between Grass Lake and Maple Lake. Eventually we suppose it died and we missed its touch of beauty during the winter months. Now after a number of years there is another swan here, and we hope it too will make this its winter home.

Euchre on February gave the high scores to Norma Crewson and Robert McIvor, low scores to Ruth Hunt and Ray Sisson, and most lone hands to Barbara Brownberger and Leon Jones.

A Maple Lake neighbour, Dr. Deana Johnson, has recently died in Peterborough Hospital after a lengthy illness and our heartfelt sympathy goes to her daughter, Michelle Journeaux and granddaughter Kala as they grieve this loss. The Reverend Christopher Greaves was asked to come and assist the Reverend Faun Harriman at Deana's funeral at St. George's Anglican Church on

Thursday, February 5.

Scotty Morrison has lost his dear wife, Joan, who died at Extencicare last week and our heart goes out to him, too, as he suffers this great loss.

Ken and Leanne Goodall and Leanne's sister and her husband of Kelowna, B.C. have just returned from two weeks in Cuba. They all took with them as much clothing, school and hospital supplies as possible, knowing the needs the following the latest hurricane which devastated that island. They distributed the clothing mostly to the rural areas as well as enjoying the features of a holiday in the sun.

Ken and Valerie, David and Leslie Chumbley and children, also Christopher Chumbley, Louise Cooper, Kathleen Owens and I attended the farewell to the Reverend Faun at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Saturday, February 7. Several very touching presentations were made from both St. Margaret's and St. George's congratulations and a wonderful potluck meal was served and enjoyed by the crowd who attended.

Earl Cooper had the distinct pleasure of piping onto the Minden ice for the game between the OPP and the handicapped team on February 7, 2009 at the Minden Arena.

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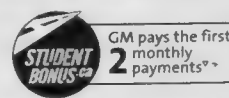
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'Be There' for children

Small moments become special ones when you share them

During the early morning hours, I stood transfixed by the scene before me. The cold February moonbeams fell upon the snow-covered backyard making it glow like a child's Glo Worm. The scene was comforting and I thought how nice it would be to share this magical moment with my three granddaughters. It was a wonderful opportunity to share a teachable moment with them; however, I knew 3 o'clock in the morning was not the time to wake up three little girls to share such a moment.

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Valerie Smith
448-3640

I thought of all the many other moments that become extraordinary when you reach out to a child and turn an ordinary daily occurrence into a teachable moment. Parents may not always feel comfortable or are too busy to take part in their child's education at school but life presents so many teachable moments. Parent, grandparent, family and friend involvement all have a very significant impact on children's lives. All it takes is when you are going through the ordinary routines – driving to school, preparing a meal, doing the laundry, shopping for groceries – just take a single moment and make eye contact, smile or ask a question. The results will be extraordinary. You can be child's or grandchild's favourite teacher by creating a teachable moment during these everyday moments.

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board is starting its Be There campaign this week and appropriately so as Valentine's Day and Family Day are at the end of this week. Help make your child gain confidence by being involved in their lives and in their school. Help the young person on the check out counter at your local store feel important by asking them about

their school and what they hope to be.

When you support learning, children tend to succeed not just in school, but throughout their lives. Remember it takes just one person to make a difference in the life of a child.

The Harcourt community was very saddened by the passing of Martha Lillian Story on January 28, 2009. Lillian was predeceased by her husband Bernard Glen Storey who passed away December 2, 2007. Lillian and Bud were lifelong residents of the Harcourt area and

lived for more than 50 years here before moving to Bancroft.

Lillian and Bud were married July 1, 1954 and they built their home on the west side of Harcourt in 1956 where they raised their family. Lillian enjoyed playing bingo and spent many evenings playing bingo with her friends at the Harcourt Community Centre. She will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.

To mourn her loss are: her children Ed (Jean) Storey of Alberta, Karen (Mike) Hood of Bancroft and Ben (Sandra) Storey of Alberta; her grandchildren Heidi, Kristofer, Michael, Tristian and Samantha; and great grandchild Orchid Rayne. They will all miss her smiles and hugs.

A reception was held at the Harcourt Community Centre on Tuesday, February 3 to celebrate the lives of both Lillian and Bud. A private internment for Lillian will take place at Deer Lake Cemetery, Highland Grove in the spring.

Best wishes for a happy St. Valentine's Day and Family Day to all.

February 11: Bingo starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre.

February 12: Progressive Euchre at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre.

Angler lands 2.77 kg fish to claim title

The great weather this past weekend brought out a number of anglers to compete in the Pat and Phyllis Gallen Ice Fishing Derby. The fish caught varied in weight from .210 kg (0.4630 lbs) to 2.770 kg (6.1068 pounds). Rob Gats was the first-place prize winner with his 2.77 kg fish.

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Mel Smith
448-3680

A big note of thanks to all our great supporters of the fish derby, the entrants who took part in the derby and all the volunteers who helped make this a great derby once again this year. Without their support, help and participation we could not continue to hold this fun tournament each year.

It is that time of the year again for the students of Wilberforce Elementary School to take part in the 2009 Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking contest.

All the students need to do is choose the topic of their choice, marshal their thoughts in logical order, write out their literary masterpiece, smile and speak enthusiastically on Tuesday, March 3 at 11:30 a.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

Thirteen branches participated in the Zone F5 2008 Remembrance Day Literary contest. I am very pleased to announce that Kadie Raimey from Wilberforce E.S.

placed third in the primary category. Congratulations to Kadie for a job well done!

On February 13, do not forget it is pot luck night at the Legion followed by our fun jam session. Bring along your favourite casserole dish or dessert, musical instrument and singing voice and join in for this great monthly event.

Love comes through the eyes that see, the ears that hear, the hands that touch, through tastes and smells and best yet from the heart. Have a big heart and bring your sweetheart or best friend out to the St. Valentine's Day Dance to be held on Saturday, February 14 starting at 8 p.m. The Crosscuts will be on hand to bring you some of their favourite songs and love notes.

Every third Friday night of the month is a favourite at the Legion. Come out and enjoy a great spaghetti dinner followed by karaoke on February 20 starting at 5 p.m. Adults \$6, children \$3.00

Lest We Forget:

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Ken McFarlane who passed away on February 7, 2009.



PUBLIC NOTICE Municipality of Highlands East Waste Disposal Site Crown Land Conveyance Class Environmental Assessment - Category B

The Municipality of Highlands East (Municipality) provides waste management disposal services through the operation of five (5) waste disposal sites located in the Municipality. Two of these sites, the Highway 28 (Eels Lake) and Mumford Road waste disposal sites, are located on Crown land. Acquisition of the landfill sites and their surrounding properties is mandated by the Ministry of the Environment and the respective Provisional Certificates of Approval (PC of A) for the sites. The Municipality has initiated the process to acquire the lands on which these waste disposal sites are located. This includes the waste disposal area, operational buffer area, and contaminant attenuation areas, which equates to approximately 32.4 hectares and 19.4 hectares for the Highway 28 (Eels Lake) and Mumford Road waste disposal sites, respectively. Site specific information and a map of site locations are provided below.

Highway 28 (Eels Lake) Site

Lot 5, Concession I
geographical Township of Cardiff
County of Haliburton
Land Use Permit No. 1634-1003224
MOE PC of A No. A330602
Proposed Land Purchase 32.4 hectares

Mumford Road Site

Part Lot 11, Concession XII
geographical Township of Cardiff
County of Haliburton
Land Use Permit No. 1634-1003224
MOE PC of A No. A330204
Proposed Land Purchase 19.4 hectares

Prior to the land conveyance, a Class Environmental Assessment is required to be completed in accordance with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) document entitled A Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects. Under this MNR document, this project is classified as a Category B Class Environmental Assessment.

The Municipality requests that any comments with respect to the proposed land acquisition be submitted in writing within 30 days of this Notice to one of the addresses below:

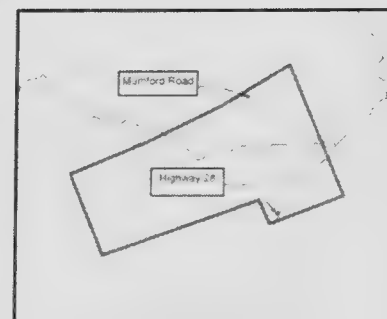
Mr. Dave Bucholtz
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Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 6X4
Phone: 705-742-7900 ext. 208
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Note: Only those persons or agencies that comment or request notice will be notified directly of the completion of the project evaluation, and the MNR may proceed to implement the project without issuing further general notice.

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A fond farewell to Reverend Faun Harriman was on February 7 at Lloyd Watson Centre

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It has been written (Ecclesiastes 3) that "There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under the sun... a time to plant and a time to uproot... a time to weep and a time to laugh..." The members of the churches in the Anglican Parish of Haliburton have experienced times of tears and laughter as they have been saying goodbye to their minister the Reverend Faun Harriman. She has been the rector of St. Margaret's, Wilberforce and St. George's, Haliburton since August 2005.

Now she has pulled up roots here and will be planting her mission at St. Alban's Church in Burnaby, British Columbia. Reverend Harriman's last days in the parish have been full with annual vestry meetings in both churches, regular services, the Discipleship program, the funerals

of Ron Johnson formerly of Wilberforce and of Dianna Johnson, widow of the late Rev. Gerald Johnson.

A fine party of farewell from the parish was held at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce on Saturday February 7. During a time of refreshment and fellowship several tributes were made to Rev. Faun. Musical ones included numbers by members of St. George's choir and a quartet from St. Margaret's. Special guests were the children from the Sunday school at the Full Gospel Church who sang several choruses. The Chumbley family presented a certificate of "Adoption of Faun" into their clan so she will always have a place in the Highlands. The Anglican Church Women of St. Margaret's presented a goodbye gift. The rector's warden from the two churches, Evelyn Beeby and Sandra Bramham, spoke warmly of Rev. Harriman's time in the parish and presented her with a painting of a tree rooted in the rocks beside a river typical of our area. The honoured guest responded, delighted by the gifts, for the tributes and for the joyful time together. Best wishes to this fine preacher and teacher as she moves into the next stage of her ministry. May she fare very well.

Family and friends of Charlotte "Lottie" Nicholls are missing her very much. Lottie died peacefully at the hospital in Haliburton on Thursday January 29, 2009. She was in her 93rd year. Sympathy is extended to her sons Dan (Arlene) and Rick (Teresa), to grandchildren, great grandchildren and all of her family and friends. Lottie

was predeceased by husbands William Matthews and Bert Nicholls. A memorial gathering will be held at the Maple View Apartment meeting room in Wilberforce on Saturday, February 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. Interment will take place later in Toronto.

On February 6, 2009 Harold and Evelyn Lewis of Highland Grove celebrated special birthdays. Harold turned 95 and Evelyn is now 85 years of age. The birthdays of this couple will be celebrated with a gathering at the Highland Grove Recreation Centre on Saturday February 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. All are welcome. Best wishes for good health and happiness to these long-time residents of the area.

It was almost déjà vu at the Don Fevreau Memorial Ladies' Bonspiel on February 6 and 7 at the Wilberforce Curling Club. In the final standings the top two places were taken by the same teams with the same members as last year.

In first place was the Anjie Jeans' team of Geri Waugh, Nadia Martinek and Maryelaine (Harry) Mackie. Playing very competitively they won all three games and totalled 53.25 points.

Coming second was the team of Melanie Lewis, Nancy Gadway, Lori Drew and Karin Hayes. Same team with same members as last year!

In third place same as last year was the Patricia Norman team from Haliburton. Donna Smith and Pat Dickson were back joined by "newcomer" Glenda Wakely.

It's always great to have curlers return to this annual event. They must be having fun to keep coming back. Lots of novice players are also welcomed to this meet. Many get their first taste of this fun sport at bonspiels such as this one.

After a hearty meal the awards were presented. All teams went home with prizes. The trophy was presented to the Jeans' team by Donna Fevreau. She spoke fondly of her father, Don, after whom this 'spiel is named and who was the founder of this women's event. Donna and the two teams she entered contributed greatly to the bonspiel.

Congratulations to the winners. Appreciation is extended to all the sponsors, to convenor Doug Stephen and all who volunteered to make this event such fun.

Farewells! Welcomes! Change is always with us. Last November the Wilberforce and Gooderham United Churches welcomed the Reverend Patsy Henry as their leader. On Sunday, February 22, 2009 there will be a covenanting service at the Wilberforce Church to formally make a covenant between her and the people of her churches. It will begin at 4 p.m. followed by dinner. The guest preacher will be Rev. Gary Ceri Reeves. All are invited to attend.

FEEL

Request for proposals for Coordination of HM Children's Water Festival

The Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival (HMCWF) is an annual fall event in the County. It provides an active learning experience for children in grades 4 - 6 from the Trillium Lakeland District School board, private schools, homeschooling and others.

The HMCWF is a project of Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (FEEL). FEEL is requesting proposals to co-ordinate the HMCWF.

A full list of duties will be provided upon request. Proposals of under \$10,000 will be accepted until Mar. 3. A decision will be made by March 20 with commencement of the work April 1 2009. Please note that the best proposal will be accepted not necessarily the least expensive.

For more information, please contact::

Rick Whittaker, rickwhittaker@sympatico.ca or

Heather Ross, heatherross@sympatico.ca

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The City of Kawartha Lakes will be holding a public meeting on

Wednesday, March 25th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Coboconk Community Hall
9 Grandy Road, Coboconk

The purpose of the meeting will be to collect input from the public on the proposed network of All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) trails (north of CKL Road #8) within the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Documentation relating to the ATV trails will be available for review at 12 Peel St. (Public Works Operations) by Tuesday, February 16th, 2009.

Anyone wishing to speak at the meeting is asked to contact Karey Oliphant at 705-324-9411 ext. 1171 or toll free at 1-800-822-2225 ext. 1171, or by email koliphant@city.kawarthalakes.on.ca. Public speaking will be limited to 2 minutes per person.

All input gathered at this meeting will be consolidated as part of the final report to City Council.



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Bring your sweetheart to Saturday night's dance

There will be a Valentine's dance here at the branch on February 14. The music is being provided by the famous D.J. Gary Cameron. Tickets are \$12 per person with \$2 of that going to the troop moral fund. There will be door prizes and spot dances through out the night. It is, however, an age of majority event. Doors open at 8 p.m. So grab your friends and come on over.

I would like to start of this by sending out a great big thank you to the gentleman – and I do mean gentleman – who has stopped not only once, but twice, and helped me with the removal of the snow cone in front of the Legion. It may not look like a big job, but believe me it is. The snow gets so hardly packed in the front

that it is hard to remove it. Thank you to this kind man for his most generous act.

I would like to take this time to gently remind the members that have not paid their 2009 dues that they are well overdue. Anyone who has not paid should either come in or they can send their membership to

the branch. The address is Box 129, Haliburton. Our sports officer Bill Timms is once again getting bored playing cards by himself. He is looking forward to having someone come in and challenge him. So if you are interested please give him a call. I hate to see a grown man cry.

To our members who are ill right now we wish you all a speedy recovery and remember that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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Qualified individuals who wish to be part of the comradeship of a Volunteer Fire Department are encouraged to submit a resume on or before 3:00 p.m., Friday, February 27, 2009 to the undersigned:

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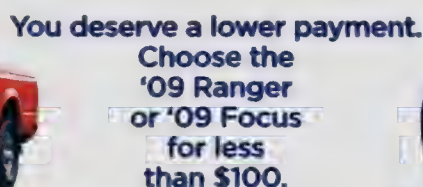
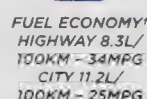
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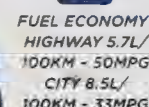
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Haliburton native Alicia Sales wrote the 10 songs she recorded on her eponymous CD, which was launched last month in Toronto.

Alicia Sales belts out début CD

Alicia Sales launched her solo career in style in front of a packed house at Toronto's Gladstone Hotel last month during her debut CD release party. The Haliburton native, along with her four-piece band, delivered a flawless performance of 10 original songs from her new self-titled pop/rock album.

With the crowd fully engaged, Sales and her well-oiled band, which includes local musicians Ryan Chalmers and Joe Arnup, performed each tune to perfection.

Sales wrote all 10 songs on her self-titled album. "This album has something for everyone in it," says Sales. "From humour,

to laughter to sadness, I think everyone can relate in one way or another to its lyrics. Sometimes when people can't fully express themselves with words, they can find a song that expresses better what they are feeling. They can then lean on and rely on that song to help them through whatever may be going on in their life either positively or negatively," she adds.

Having already played throughout the world as the lead singer of a Dixie Chicks Tribute Band, Sales will be soon launching a solo tour to promote her new CD. You can purchase copies through her website at www.AliciaSales.com.

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First semester student enrolment increases 12 per cent over last year. Over 140 students enrol through Second Career program.

There are many more students in the halls of Fleming College this winter. January 2009 enrolment for first semester students at Fleming College has soared, jumping 12 per cent over last year. The college has 854 students starting full-time programs this winter compared to 763 in January 2008.

Overall, full-time enrolment in all semesters is up two per cent from last winter and now stands at 5,012 students.

"We're thrilled by these numbers," said Fleming College President Tony Tilly. "Our academic division, registrar's office and marketing team have worked very hard to respond to the needs of prospective students. We made program and promotional changes to attract those students

considering a return to college during these challenging economic times.

"The provincial government's Second Career program has been tremendously successful here at Fleming. Very early on we established a dedicated team to provide service to students seeking training and funding through this new initiative, as well as through existing funding programs. Over 140 students enrolled this January received funding from the Second Career program."

The January intake increase follows a two per cent increase in enrolment in September 2008.

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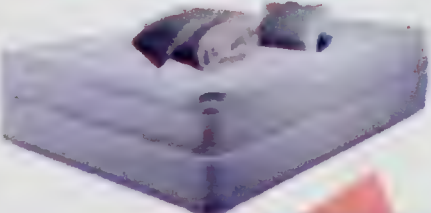
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• February 11: Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held in the Common Room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre - Doors will open at 6pm for group business and chat. The speaker at 7 pm will be Ellie MacNeil-Burroughs who will be making a presentation on the information she uncovered as she researched her family roots. Everyone welcome. No charge. Refreshments available. Bring & Win table. For more information call Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.

• February 12: Guided Meditation continues at the Rails End Gallery - Facilitated by Ryan Dawson every Thursday evening 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome, admission is by donation. Positive visualizations to quiet the mind, calm the body and stir the spirit.

• February 13: Highlands Community Playback Theatre troupe will be performing Sweetheart Stories at the Rails End Gallery on Friday, February 13 from 7 to 7:45 pm in the main gallery - Playback Theatre is an original form of improvisational theatre in which you, the audience, tell stories from your lives - however ordinary, extraordinary, hidden or difficult - and then watch as they are enacted on the spot using words, movement and music. Tickets at the door \$5. For more information call Fay 754-4004 and for information on the Rail's End Gallery exhibitions call Laurie at 457-2330.

• February 14: Kinmount Winterfest - Festivities begin with a pancake breakfast from 8-11am at Kinmount Community Centre. Fun filled events and activities begin at Kinmount Arena at 11am. Celebrations wind up back at Kinmount Community Centre with a Valentine's dance featuring J.L. Avis and the Barn Burners from 9pm-1am. Tickets for this age of majority event cost \$10.

• February 15: Annual Murray Scott Memorial Ice Fishing Derby at Miskwabi Lake - Kids Fish FREE for more information call the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association Hatchery 457-9664.

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• February 17: Exploratory meeting about the creation of a Haliburton Village Farmers' Market. - Please join us at Fleming College. Social time is 5:30 pm, Soup, using as many local ingredients as possible, and potluck dinner at 6pm. Films at 7pm, presentation by Jean and Godfrey Tyler, group discussion at 8pm. Call Jean Tyler at 457-2214 for details.

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• February 20: Circle of Hope - Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12-1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ext 3.

• February 20: Lochlin United Church presents an Evening of Gospel Music with The Hot Flashes - Join us at 7:30 pm. Lochlin Road off Gelert Rd (Cty Rd 1). Refreshments following. Offerings, gratefully accepted for the Church Outreach Work.

• February 21: Maple Lake United Church Musical Variety Night at 7 p.m. - Come and join us at the Maple Lake United Church. Freewill offering and refreshments.

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• February 24: St. Georges Anglican Church 70th Annual Pancake Supper at the Haliburton Legion Hall - Come and join us from 5 - 7 p.m Cost is \$15 per family, \$5 adults, \$3.50 children 6-12 and under 6 yrs is free.

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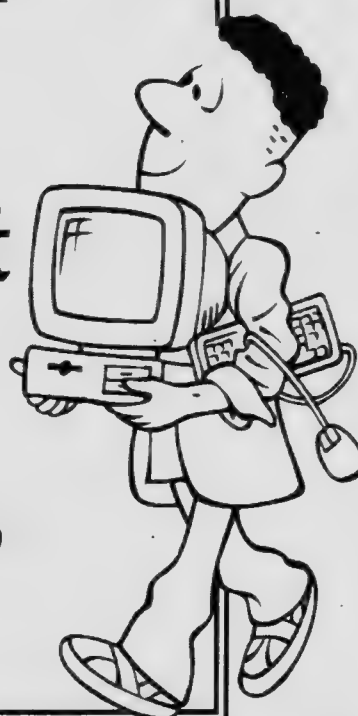
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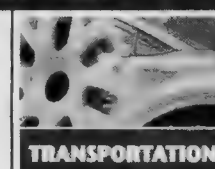
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Deaths

JOHNSON, Diana Mary Morgan (nee Dillon) - Passed away peacefully after a lengthy illness at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Sunday, February 1, 2009, at the age of 83. Beloved wife of the late Reverend Gerald. Dear mother of Michele (Tom - deceased), Mumbi (Vic), Kevin (Shontel), Patrick (deceased), and mother-in-law to Terry. Loving grandmother of Kala, Saba, Seanna, Dillon, Brianna (deceased), Travis and Alex. Dear sister of Richard (deceased) (Lib), John (deceased), Sheila (deceased) (Neil), Michael (Maggie-deceased). Fondly remembered by nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd, Minden, on Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Then to St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton for the Funeral Service on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 11:30 am. Reception to follow at the church downstairs. Spring interment at the St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. Memorial Donations to the 4 C's or to the Peterborough Regional Health Centre would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

Until the day breaks,
And the shadows flee away.

Memoriam Verse #25
To remember a loved one with this verse
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In memoriam

DOVELL, Floyd - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away February 13, 1985

Forever remembered

Forever missed

Love Always Etta, June, Grant and Family

HARTIN, William (Bill)

In loving memory of a dear husband and grandfather who passed away on February 12, 2004.

Five years have passed so quickly,
So many moments we wish you were here to share.

We live on the memories we made with you,
and the thoughts that one day we'll see each other again.

Missing you always, Love
Donna and Children and Grandchildren.

Who shall say the grief is lessened
Though the smile may hide the tears
Memories keep the wound still open
Despite the passing of the years.

Memoriam Verse #18
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Obituaries

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Joan Morrison

(Resident of Kennisis Lake, Ontario)

Peacefully at Extendicare-Haliburton on Monday morning, February 2, 2009 in her 82nd year. Beloved wife of Scotty Morrison. Loving mother of Ian (Sue), Kathy (Bernd Gutgesell), Don (Valerie), Cam (Carla), Karen (Dan Fiorini), Joanne (Rob Gray), Carolyn (Dean McIntosh), Tom (Anita). Fondly remembered by all her grandchildren. Dear sister of Helen. Predeceased by her son Perry, her sisters Esther, Lucille, Lorraine, Mary and by her brother George. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends. Joan greatly enjoyed spending time with her loving family at the cottage.

Visitation & Funeral Mass

Friends Visited with the family at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Wednesday afternoon, February 4, 2009. Funeral Mass was held at **ST. ANTHONY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton, Ontario on Thursday afternoon, February 5, 2009. Interment later St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to Extendicare - Proud Pioneers or Community Care - Haliburton would be appreciated by the family.

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Edward 'Ed' McGrath

(Resident of West Guilford, Ontario)

Peacefully at his residence in West Guilford on Saturday evening, January 31, 2009 in his 78th year. Dearly loved friend and husband of Janet McGrath (nee Carbray). Loving father of Michael, Cathy (Philip Sally), Tom (Patti) and Gerard. Ed was a second father to Kim (Ian Wilson), Beth (Tony Frith), Scott & Ron Murray. Proud Grandpa to John (Mandi), Richard, Mike (Melanie), Grant, Lily, Cathy, Joey, Ken, Jan, Les (Amanda), Matt, Ben (predeceased), Sylvain, Celeste, Hugh, Jenny & Jesse. Great Grandpa (G.G.) to Kaylin, Jayse, Madison, Mark, Ben, Tristan, Jayda, Kiera & Hailey. Ed will be missed by his sister Margaret McGrath (S.St.J) and his brother Gary (Marg) and their family, his many nieces and nephews and good friends here and in Scotland & England.

Visitation & Funeral Mass

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Anniversaries

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Happy 50th Anniversary Nancy & Bill



February 11, 1959

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Love and congratulations from Jacqueline, Jay and Melanie. Bob and grandchildren Heather, Kathleen, Jake, Megg and Morgan

Announcements

In memoriam

In loving memory of our family
Dan Gainforth who passed away
 September 1970, **Lyle Coumbs**
 Nov. 1974, **Christie Coumbs** Feb. 1989,
Florence Coumbs Mar. 1993, **Ethel**
Gainforth June 1994, and **Sandy Barr**
 June 2005.

Down a road that's calm and peaceful,
 Guided by God's loving hand,
 They have gone upon a journey
 To a distant, brighter land.
 And although our hearts are heavy
 With sorrow we still bear,
 It helps to bring us comfort,
 Knowing they are happy there.

Forever loved and missed!
Ken and Doreen

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In Memory of Vincent "Duke" Stafford
 Teatro, February 9th, 1978

The rolling streams of life rolls on,
 But still the empty chair,
 Recalls the love, the voice, the smile,
 Of the one who once sat there.
 Lovingly remembered by Jack and Sue

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In memoriam

McNeil Merreit Sr. - In loving memory
 of a dear father who passed away
 February 13, 1998

*It would take a lot of space
 To write how much we miss you
 But it will take the rest of our lives
 To forget the day we lost you
 Love always Reta & Ken*

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McNeil, Merreit Sr. - In loving memory of
 a dear Father, Grandfather and Great
 Grandfather, who went to be with the
 Lord on February 13, 1998.

*God saw you getting tired and called you
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Love always Greg, Geraldine and Stacey
 Coumbs, Tim, Crystal, Madison and Layne
 Robinson

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McNeil, Merreit Sr - In loving memory of
 a dear dad who went to be in the arms
 of Jesus on February 13, 1998.

*Eleven years ago today
 On that February day
 God called your name
 For me it hasn't been the same
 Because tears still fall or a smile may appear
 For I just wish you were here
 - Forever missed & remembered each every
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McNEIL, Merreit Sr - In loving memory
 of a dear husband who passed away
 Feb. 13, 1998.

*How I miss your touch
 and miss your smile,
 I stare at the chair where
 you used to sit a while.
 My soul is heavy and the tears easily flow.
 The heartache I feel no one will ever know.
 -Always loved and never forgotten your Wife
 Mary McNeil*

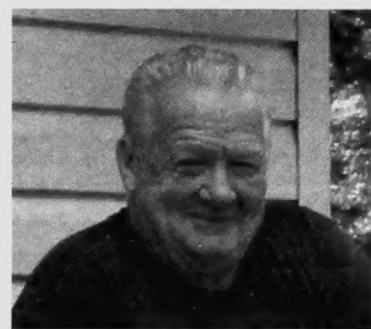
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*His weary hours and days of pain,
 His troubled nights are past;
 And in our aching hearts we know
 He has found peace at last.*

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Card of thanks



** Note of Thanks **

The family of Robert "Bob" Hayward wishes to
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 us during Bob's illness and recent passing.

To Dr. Stephenson and the nurses at Haliburton
 Hospital, we thank you for your dedicated care
 and for your compassion in addressing Bob's
 every need. To Dwaine Lloyd at the Haliburton
 Community Funeral Home, we thank you for
 your gentle support and wisdom.

We thank Dave Burton for his leadership and
 kind words during the memorial service where
 more than 200 relatives, friends and neighbours gathered together to celebrate Bob's
 life. To the membership of Wilberforce's Branch 624 of the Canadian Legion, including
 those who served on the Colour Guard, we thank you for your support at the service
 and for honouring Bob's contribution to the Legion. We express sincere appreciation
 and thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 624 and to the Harcourt Ladies
 Committee, who together prepared the lovely luncheon.

Our heartfelt gratitude is also extended to those who sent expressions of sympathy by
 way of cards and letters, casseroles and pies, and the financial donations that were
 sent in Bob's name to the Legion Poppy Fund and to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary
 Fund.

We are most grateful to those angels among us who were always available, day or
 night, to answer our calls for help, to provide rides into town, and to share with us
 their words of encouragement and support.

We thank you all for your gifts of love, and we are comforted in knowing that Bob's
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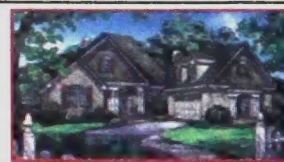
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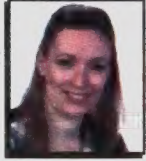
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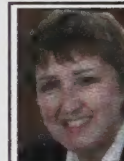
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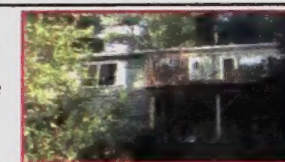
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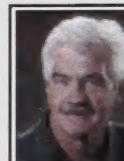
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